

# THE CHRONICLE.

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## THE INDEPENDENTS IN CONGRESS.

For some years now it has been a matter of speculation in political circles what is going to be the result upon the balance of political parties, to arise from the action of certain politicians who have taken position outside of the two great parties into which the country is divided. Hitherto "Independent candidates" have been chiefly known in local politics, and there under various names, according to the locality. In one place they are called Greenbackers, in another Labor-League candidates, sometimes simply Independent candidates, and here in Montgomery county low-tax men. In almost every instance their leaders are disappointed Democratic politicians about whose merits and importance a difference has arisen between their own estimate and that of the party in general. In their organization, wherever light has penetrated deep enough, Radical intrigue has been found busy, and it has been curious to see how often they have succeeded with the aid of their Radical allies in defeating the Democratic party, but failed by a very small deficit. This near attainment of success, followed by ultimate failure, has been so frequent that one is induced to seek a general cause for it, and so seeking has not far to look. The Radical intrigue, which is always at the bottom of these organizations, is always carefully concealed at first, and the Independent organization becomes a home for Democrats who are not posted as to the real purposes in view, but join it because the true Democratic party does not move fast enough for them. This goes on till the real purposes of the intrigue are near their consummation, and then the true nature of the intrigue becomes manifest because the Radical allies refuse to be kept in the background, but come forward for their share of the prospective spoils. Then those who are really Democrats abandon the organization and its true dimensions become apparent as a heterogeneous amalgam of Radicals and discontented politicians who have been Democrats, but who have felt themselves slighted and with whom revenge is a stronger motive than any belief they may have held in the doctrines of the Democratic party.

This will account for the "almost success" which Independents of whatever name have so often achieved, and also for the ultimate failure which has so often overtaken them when victory seemed assured. However, after most persevering efforts in all parts of the United States, always aided by their overwilling accomplices the Radicals, they succeeded at the last elections in electing some of their men to Congress, and much and eager speculation has exercised men's minds as to what their numbers would turn out to be, and what their influence upon the balance of parties.

These questions have been explicitly answered earlier than was expected; the Independent strength of all denominations turns out to be fourteen. It is given in all party divisions so far with the Republicans and against the Democrats, and still leaves the latter with a narrow but sufficient working majority. This result has been a disappointment to many Democrats, but not to us. We had been cognizant of too much of the inner workings of Independence not to be prepared to see its ultimate action determined at the expense of Democracy and in favor of the Republican party, and we think it a happy circumstance for the former that this result has been so unmistakably brought out so early in the session. Several delusions have been already cleared away. The real purpose of the Independent movement has become now so plain that it needs no further demonstration; it has done its worst and has failed to break up the Democratic party. It is an immense advantage that Independence can never move sail under false colors, the doing which is the indispensable condition of its doing any thing. Its present representation in Congress is due in a large measure to the delusion of real Democrats who fancied that, in voting for these men, they were supporting men who were really Democrats. The mistake is not likely to be repeated; even thus far it could have been shown from a combination of shallow knavery with stupendous folly, knavery so shallow that the almost inconceivable; but the true meaning of it all has now been so fully exposed that the most confident Democrat will hardly in future look upon the Independent political action except as a Radical in disguise. And thus one or two test votes have done the work which has occupied Democratic speakers for years, that of demonstrating the true meaning of Independence.

### HOUSE, BURCH, WATTERSON.

A friendly contest for an important office was one of the first interesting transactions in the new Senate. Messrs. Burch and Watterson were the two prominent candidates for the office of Secretary of the Senate. Naturally our Clarksville people were warmly interested in the contest, as the two candidates were by a curious coincidence proprietors and editors of the two papers which, next to our local journals, are the most read in this city, namely the Nashville Courier-Journal. Messrs. Watterson and Burch would either of them have well filled the contested office, and either would have been heartily congratulated by our people, the names of both being as household words among them. Mr. Watterson was ahead on the first vote, but ultimately, in the vicissitudes of continued voting, Mr. Burch obtained the majority in the caucus, which settled the election in the Senate.

A higher compliment could scarcely be conferred on a politician. The

Senate having become Democratic for the first time in sixteen years, bestowed the first office at its disposal which has within that interval been attainable by a Democrat upon the able editor of the Nashville American. While we should have gladly acquiesced in this compliment being paid to Mr. Watterson, we must be allowed to rejoice in the ultimate preference being given to a citizen of our own State, who has already held some of the most responsible positions in the power of Tennessee to confer. Mr. Burch having been successively Representative and Senator in the State Legislature, and Comptroller of the State.

Another distinguished Tennesseean was on this occasion placed in a position of prominence in the Democratic party only second to that of Speaker of the House, the Hon. John F. House having been elected permanent Chairman of the Democratic caucus in the place of Mr. Cymmer, of Pennsylvania, who has for many years held that important position.

Tennessee therefore has no reason to complain of being in the background in the new Democratic Congress.

P. S. We print the above unaltered as we first wrote it, though we have since learned that Colonel Burch's competitor was not Mr. Henry Watterson, editor of the Courier-Journal, but Mr. Harvey Watterson, father of that gentleman.

### OUR FRIENDS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

We have noticed some criticism of the course of our Senator, Col. Brandon, and Capt. Reynolds, our Representative, which we do not consider altogether reasonable. It has been charged against them that their action in reference to the State debt has been negative and passive to a degree not fitting in delegates from a district as sound on the State credit platform as this. We cannot endorse those attacks. Paramount as the State debt is in importance, the questions it occasions are extremely simple and do not demand a flood of parliamentary speaking for their vindication. The minority report of the committee enforced by the powerful speech of Judge Clapp really covers the whole case, and anything added to that would have been superfluous for practical purposes; for huncumbe was there not need any. Still less was there any occasion for bills and resolutions of multiplicity of titles and resolutions on the subject. The only question with a true State credit man was the acceptance of the compromise offered by the creditors of the State; the only proposition for them to offer was the submission of this question to the people, and, as this could never be carried, the only action for a State credit party which was outnumbered by anti-credit men was that of vigorous and earnest protest. This protest has been made and would only have been diluted in its force by washing it down with a copious stream of buncombe.

With regard to Capt. Reynolds, on whom the local interests of Clarksville properly devolved, we desire to record our testimony to the fact that he has been a faithful representative, vigilant and active in every matter affecting the interests of the county. We elected him not as a brilliant orator, but as a business man who would attend to our business interests. He has done so and done it well; more we do not require of him.

### DE LA MATYR, THE INDEPENDENT LEADER IN CONGRESS.

Our leading article of this week had just been put in print when we received in the columns of our contemporary, the Louisville Courier-Journal, the following confirmation of the peridy we attributed to the Independent organization. De La Matyr (we refuse to prefix the "Rev." to his name) an ex-preacher of Indiana and leader of the Independent organization in Congress, respondent tells us of him from Indianapolis:

Indianapolis, March 25.—The course of the member of Congress from this district, De La Matyr, in the House of Representatives, is severely criticized by the Democrats here. They positively assert that Dr. De La Matyr made unqualified pledges to the Democrats at all party conventions. It has been rumored that he would vote for the repeal of the income tax, and upon the contents of the same he was enabled to secure the endorsement of the Democrats of this district through the influence of Mr. Hendricks and Senators McDonald and Voorhees. I obtained possession of the letter of Dr. De La Matyr, which was written by him in answer to a letter written him by Mr. Wm. Hendricks, an influential and prominent Democrat of this district, and in which he expressed his intention to vote for the repeal of the income tax. The letter of Dr. De La Matyr, which was written by him in answer to a letter written him by Mr. Wm. Hendricks, an influential and prominent Democrat of this district, and in which he expressed his intention to vote for the repeal of the income tax. The letter of Dr. De La Matyr, which was written by him in answer to a letter written him by Mr. Wm. Hendricks, an influential and prominent Democrat of this district, and in which he expressed his intention to vote for the repeal of the income tax.

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We have never known one of them that did not turn out double-faced, treacherous sneak. Honest ones don't go into politics, but continue preaching the Gospel; those who do, began by lying when they declared themselves called by the Holy Spirit to preach the Gospel, and, as a rule, keep on lying to the end of the chapter.

### A FRIGHTFUL MURDER.

Judge Elliott of the Supreme bench of Kentucky was shot down in the streets of Frankfort on Wednesday, the 28th inst., by Thomas Buford, in revenge for a decision adverse to a member of his family by the Supreme bench. The evidence shows that he intended to have assassinated Judge Pryor, another assessor at the trial, also. A chill of horror pervades the whole State at the atrocity of the crime, which was cold blooded and deliberate in all its details to any almost inconceivable extent. Lynching has been talked about, but it is earnestly hoped that the law will be left to take its course.

Our farmers should remember the Tobacco Fair of the Grange Warehouse on June 5th and 6th, and begin to prepare their tobacco. One thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded. Let all of our planters enter for the premiums. An unusually large number of buyers will be in attendance and good and fine tobacco will bring fancy prices.

Our esteemed friend W. R. Brimley, Sr., has removed his carriage shop to his residence on the corner of Main and Seventh streets, where he proposes to renovate buggies and carriages at as low a price as any modest man would have it done. He is a good and faithful workman and only asks a share of the public patronage.

REV. J. R. PLUMMER, of the Female Academy, will preach at Union School house about six miles from the city, on Paradise Hill Turnpike, to-morrow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock a.m.

A POSTAL ROUTE, from Clarksville to Danville, in Dickson county, is to be opened. The route before the war was by Stearns' Ferry, Daly's Shop, Palmyra, Shiloh and on to Danville. There is a large scope of country on this route that would be greatly benefited by a weekly horse mail.

We clip the following notice from the Nashville Banner of the 26th inst. Dr. Lyle was born and raised in this county, and has a sister residing on the south side of the river.

Dr. A. J. Lyle, a well known physician of this city, died last morning. As a physician, he was a man of ability, and in disposition he was as gentle as a woman. His friends who knew him well will be justly estimable.

During the thunder storm on Wednesday morning last, the lightning struck a tree near the old Trinity Cemetery, tearing it to pieces and killing a horse belonging to William Baker, colored. The horse was about twenty feet from the tree and was killed instantly.

We regret to learn that Uncle Jackie Harrow, living on the south side of the river, is now confined to his bed. He is nearly one year old, and until within the last two or three years has been remarkably active and sprightly for one of his age.

On Sunday morning Albert, son of Mr. Ph. Licker, fell from a horse and badly hurt his left foot. No fracture was detected, and the injury is painful rather than serious, no permanent injury being anticipated.

Dr. C. A. MINER, of Chicago, well known here as a most successful physician in all old chronic diseases, will beat the Franklin House one day only, Friday, March 28th. All who desire his services will please remember the date.

Feb. 1, 1879—4

### A DELIGHTFUL HOME

IN THE

SUBURBS OF CLARKSVILLE

FOR SALE AT

PUBLIC AUCTION

ON

Saturday, April 19, '79.

This place, the residence of Mrs. King, is situated

1-2 Miles from Clarksville

ON

Greenwood Avenue,

AND

CONTAINS 45 A'RES

OF

GOOD LAND,

A PORTION OF WHICH IS

WELL TIMBERED.

THE BALANCE CLEARED.

It has been divided into

FIVE LOTS,

each of which can be seen at my office or on hand bills. The same will be sold on Saturday, April 19th, 1879.

UPON THIS PLACE THERE IS A FINE

2-STORY BRICK RESIDENCE,

A CARRIAGE HOUSE,

ICE HOUSE,

LARGE STABLE,

ORCHARD,

VINEYARD,

IN FACT EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO MAKE

A Delightful Home.

TERMS OF SALE:

One-Third Cash, Balance in 6, 12, 18 and 24 Months.

This place is delightfully located and will make one of the most desirable suburban residences around Clarksville. I will take pleasure in showing the place to any one desiring to buy.

SAM. JOHNSON,

March 29, 1879-4f Real Estate Agent.

# Bowling & Wilson,

(Blue Front Shoe Store)

Manufacturers and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps,

And Gents' Furnishing Goods.

We are opening one of the largest stocks of goods ever brought to Clarksville. THE MOST ELEGANT STYLES OF LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S.

Cloth Top Shoes, Fancy Slippers, and Newport Ties.

Ladies are especially invited to call and examine these goods, as it is decidedly the most complete stock ever in this city. And in no other city will a more select or better line of these goods be found.

Ladies' Shoes of any style made to measure.

A very large stock of MEN'S and BOYS' BOOTS and SHOES, both of our own and eastern make. MEN'S GAITERS, CLOTH-TOP BOOTS, SHOES, LOW STRAP-TIES and PRINCE ALBERT SHOES of the most beautiful styles; a great variety to select from. All of our Boots and Shoes are warranted, and will be made good free of charge. We call special attention to our Manufacturing Department. We have anything in the way of a dress boot or shoe made to order, and repairing neatly done.

Our stock of HATS is not equalled by any house in the city. DRESS SILK HATS, LIGHT WEIGHT STRIPED HATS, SOFT FELT and WOOL HATS of all grades. A nice line of Children's Hats.

A large stock of Gentlemen's TIES, COLLARS, SHIRTS and UNDERWEAR of the latest styles.

Country merchants are invited to call and examine our goods, and we will convince them that we can sell them goods as low as they can buy them in Nashville or Louisville.

Respectfully,

March 22, 1879-4f

C. S. DANIEL, Late of Daniel & Bro., Clarksville.

A. A. JOHNSON, Late of Johnson & Kendrick, New Providence.

To the Front and in the Field.

New Goods and Low Prices.

DANIEL & JOHNSON

Have opened in the Mammoth Building, corner of Second and Strawberry streets, Clarksville, Tenn., a

Gen'l Agricultural House,

and can supply all parties who want anything in Machinery and Farming Implement line. We call attention to the

Aultman-Taylor Threshers & Engines,

the greatest grain-saving Thresher in the world, causing the endless apron Threshers to sink into insignificance. Wherever the engine has been used it gives entire satisfaction. It has ample power, is simple, easily managed (any farmer can run one), and not likely to get out of order. We also handle the

Champion Reapers and Mowers!

Self-Rakers, Droppers, single and combined, and their wide-spread reputation needs no comment. They give satisfaction in every field they enter.

BUGGIES and WAGONS

bought by the car load and for cash, which enables us to sell the same cheaper than those who sell on commission. We claim that we have THE BEST WAGON ON WHEELS and give a written guarantee with each one for one year. We also handle in connection with our Wagons the celebrated

BOLSTER SPRINGS FOR FARM WAGONS.

PULLIAM'S PATENT. The attention of the adeis called to this new and valuable device as an attachment to the common farm and lumber wagons of any size. The springs are made of the best of tempered steel and warranted. They are aptly attached to the bed by four bolts, and of course, go with the bed when it is lifted off the cars. Its obvious advantages are that it saves largely from wear and tear of every part of the wagon, and removes all necessity for a spring seat. It is well adapted to all makes of farm wagons, and can be attached by anyone.

PLOWS! PLOWS!

Avery's Plows, cast steel, Clarksville Champion Plows, cast and steel. Gate City Plows, Furst & Bradley's Sulky Plows, Walking and Riding Cultivators, Steel Tooth Sulky Hay Rakes, Harrows, Wheelbarrows, Corn Shelters, Farm Bells as cheap as any's horns, Mill Machinery, Cane Mills and Hay Presses.

SEED OATS and FIELD SEEDS of all kinds, fresh and genuine, always in stock. We receive weekly from the leaders of CHOICE TIMOTHY HAY, the price of which we have knocked down to bottom figures.

Give us a trial and we will convince you that it is to your interest to trade with us.

Respectfully,

DANIEL & JOHNSON.

S. B. FUQUA, Salesman. mch15-4f

Practical Photography.

Landscape and architectural views and all kinds of mechanical as well as artistic Photography. I am prepared to do work in the very highest style of the art, and in copying and engraving all kinds of pictures. I will duplicate prices of any Eastern house or traveling agent, and guarantee better work.

Respectfully,

W. J. MCORMAC.

Lumber! Lumber!

I have on hand a large supply of Logs, and am now prepared to fill bills for any length of lumber from two to thirty feet. Four thousand Red Cedar Posts just received.

J. T. JOHNSON,

Proprietor Star Saw Mill.

Feb. 15, 1879-2m.

MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS.

At My Old Stand Once More.

Having completed and moved into my new store, I would be pleased to have the ladies of Clarksville and vicinity call and examine my new and elegant stock of Novelties and Millinery for the Holidays. I am selling cheaper than ever, and can make it to your advantage to call. I have a large assortment of Cloaks that I am selling at from \$3.50 up. Don't forget the place, Franklin street, next door to Ligon & Settle.

W. ROSENFELD.

Dec. 7, 1878.

VICK'S Garden Seeds at Byers'.

WARM meals 25 cents at Matlin & Barker's.

PURE Wines and Liquors for medicinal purposes at Wardell & Reynolds.

Jan. 11, 1879-4f.

Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate.

State of Tennessee—Montgomery Co. Evans, Pitts, Porter & Co., vs. Frazier, Lyle and Workman.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas, do directed, from the Circuit Court of Montgomery county, Tenn., I will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House (formerly the old Baptist Church) door in Clarksville, on

Monday, April 21, 1879,

a house and lot in Collinsville, District No. 10, Montgomery county, bounded as follows: On the north and west by the lands of W. Frazier, south by T. F. Frazier, east by the public road; containing about one-third of an acre more or less.

Lieited on as the property of W. J. Lyle, and to be sold for the debt of said Lyle, to JAMES E. MCNEELY, Sheriff of Montgomery Co.

March 23, 1879-4f.

# WHY

INVEST MONEY

IN THE

HOMESTEAD

Tobacco Grower?

Because it largely increases the quantity and greatly improves the quality of the crop.

Because it is an honestly made fertilizer, not a mere plant stimulant, and permanently enriches the land.

Because intelligent, practical farmers have proven, after three years of trial with it, that it is admirably adapted to our soil and climate, and has given the best results.

As a permanent, durable Fertilizer

Read what Mr. W. H. Green, of Montgomery county, says:

Mr. J. J. CRUSMAN—Dear Sir: I have used the HOMESTEAD brands bought of you on Tobacco and Wheat; have also used the Anchor brand and a Cleveland brand, and while I think all valuable yet I have no hesitation in saying that I give decided preference to the HOMESTEAD brands from the fact that they give evidence of being permanent Fertilizers while the others do not.

Yours truly,

W. H. GREEN.

Beats Stable Manure 300 lbs. to the acre and \$2 00 per 100 lbs. in quality.

Mr. J. H. Pace, of Montgomery county, says:

DEAR SIR—I bought of you last season 2 bbls. of the HOMESTEAD TOBACCO GROWER and used it on about 4 acres of my poor, worn out land, and in the balance of same land used stable manure, and I feel confident that the increase in my crop where the HOMESTEAD TOBACCO GROWER was used is fully 300 lbs. to the acre, and the quality \$2 00 per 100 lbs. better. I can go into my barn and select by the thickness, body and weight of the plants, the HOMESTEAD Tobacco from the other. I am sorry you cannot reduce the price, as brother and myself want a ton of it this year.

Yours truly,

J. H. PACE.

Mr. J. S. Williams, of Robertson county, says:

Mr. J. J. CRUSMAN, Dear Sir: I used the past season the Homestead Tobacco Grower, the Anchor Brand Fertilizer, a Cleveland Brand, a Chicago Brand and stable manure. I found all of the fertilizers to be useful and improve the crop, but I have no hesitation in saying that the HOMESTEAD TOBACCO GROWER is decidedly my preference, as the land on which it was used still gives evidence that it is a PERMANENT FERTILIZER, while the presence of others is hardly perceptible now.

Yours truly,

J. S. WILLIAMS.

1-3 more Tobacco and better than Stable Manure.

DAYSVILLE, Todd county, Ky.

Mr. J. J. CRUSMAN—Dear Sir: I purchased of you more than a ton of the HOMESTEAD TOBACCO GROWER and used it one teaspoonful to the hill, and am confident that the yield is fully 1-3 greater, and the quality very much better than the same land without it. I can safely say that the HOMESTEAD TOBACCO GROWER is much the best fertilizer I have any knowledge of and better for Tobacco than stable manure.

Yours truly,

P. T. RUTHERFORD.

DIRECTIONS

For the Homestead Tobacco Grower

For use on plant beds, sow about 10 pounds for every 10 yards square; dig it in well. When the plants are up sow about same quantity just before a rain when the plants are dry. Never sow when the plants are wet with dew. If the fly is bad sow about 2 pounds to 10 yards square every 8 or 10 days. In the hill much depends on the character of the soil. Ordinarily a tablespoonful in the check before you make the hill.

For Tobacco use the Homestead Tobacco Grower.

For Wheat, Corn, Grass, Potatoes, or other vegetables, Fruit Trees, Shrubbery, etc., use the Homestead Superphosphate or Wheat and Corn Grower.

The HOMESTEAD was awarded the Grand Medal of Honor and Diploma of Highest Merit at the Centennial.

For certificates or further particulars address,

J. J. CRUSMAN,

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CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

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Our stock of

NEW ORLEANS SUGAR,

MOLASSES, COFFEE & FLOUR,

is now large and complete. Those wanting a real fine barrel of Northern Flour can be supplied with our

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which we can guarantee to please anybody.

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